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(c) Your group should select a technical advisor who has experience working on hazardous or toxic waste problems, relocation, redevelopment or public health issues, and communicating those problems and issues to the public.

§ 35.4195 Are there certain people my group cannot select to be our technical advisor, grant administrator, or other contractor under the grant?

Your group may not hire the following:

- (a) The person(s) who wrote the specifications for the "contract" and/or who helped screen or select the contractor:
- (b) In the case of a technical advisor, a person or entity doing work for the Federal or State government or any other entity at the same NPL site for which your group is seeking a technical advisor; and
- (c) Any person who is on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or NonProcurement Programs.

§ 35.4200 What restrictions apply to contractors my group procures for our TAG?

When procuring contractors your group:

(a) Cannot award cost-plus-percentage-of-cost contracts; and

(b) Must award only to responsible contractors that possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed contract.

§ 35.4205 How does my group procure a technical advisor or any other contractor?

When procuring contractors your group must also:

- (a) Provide opportunity for all qualified contractors to compete for your work (see §35.4210);
- (b) Keep written records of the reasons for all your contracting decisions;
- (c) Make sure that all costs are reasonable in a proposed contract;
- (d) Inform EPA of any proposed contract over \$1,000.00;
- (e) Provide EPA the opportunity to review a contract before your group awards or amends it;
- (f) Perform a "cost analysis" to evaluate each element of a contractor's cost to determine if it is reasonable, allocable and allowable for all contracts over \$25,000; and
- $[65\ {\rm FR}\ 58858,\, {\rm Oct.}\ 2,\, 2000,\, {\rm as}\ {\rm amended}\ {\rm at}\ 73\ {\rm FR}\ 15922,\, {\rm Mar.}\ 26,\, 2008]$

§ 35.4210 Must my group solicit and document bids for our procurements?

(a) The steps needed to be taken to procure goods and/or services depends on the amount of the proposed procurement:

If the aggregate amount of the	Then your group
(1) purchase is \$1,000 or less	may make the purchase as long as you make sure the price is reasonable; no oral or writ- ten bids are necessary.
(2) proposed contract is over \$1,000 but less than \$25,000.	must obtain and document oral or written bids from two or more qualified sources.
(3) proposed contract is \$25,000 to \$100,000	must:
	(i) Solicit written bids from three or more sources who are willing and able to do the work;
	(ii) Provide potential sources in the scope of work to be performed and the criteria your group will use to evaluate the bids;
	(iii) Objectively evaluate all bids; and (iv) Notify all unsuccessful bidders.